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Beginning on Saturday, January 25, 2014, between 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation's contractor, Manhattan Road and Bridge Company, will begin to place the remaining bridge beams for the Main Street Bridge over I-35. As the beams are moved into place, this will require the temporary closure of southbound lanes on I-35 during the placement of each individual beam. Traffic should be moving through the area, but at greatly reduced speed with periods of stoppage. Expect traffic to back up on I-35 during this time.

Construction on the I-35/Main Street Interchange Project began on Monday, January 7, 2013. This is a \$30 million construction project awarded to a joint venture of Allen Contracting and Manhattan Road and Bridge of Oklahoma City. The project has an estimated completion date of May 2014. The construction contract allows the contractor to earn early completion incentive pay at \$15,000 a day with a maximum of 100 days. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is administering the construction of this project.

The project involves the following construction elements:

- Replace the existing Main Street Bridge and interchange with a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI). The SPUI will include longer on and off ramps at I-35 and a wider Main Street Bridge. The SPUI will allow large volumes of traffic to negotiate the area using a single set of traffic lights mounted at the center of the bridge. This is the second SPUI interchange in the State of Oklahoma; the first SPUI was constructed at I-40 and Morgan Road in 2012.
- Widen I-35, one half mile north and south of Main Street, from four to six lanes
- Widen Main Street over I-35 from four lanes to six lanes

Additional questions may be directed to John Clink, Capital Projects Manager, City of Norman, Department of Public Works, at 366-5424.

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